

Application No.: 09/300,881  
Amendment dated April 12, 2007  
Reply to Office Action of April 4, 2007  
Docket No. C054-2

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Remarks/Arguments

Claims 29-44 are pending in the application. Claims 29 and 44 are in independent form. Claims 29-43 are allowed. Claim 44 is objected to as an apparatus claim dependent on a method claim. The application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, and prosecution on the merits is closed.

Claim 44 is rewritten into independent form so as not to depend from a method claim. The amendment is not narrowing. Applicant notes that: "The fact that the independent and dependent claims are in different statutory classes does not, in itself, render the latter improper."  
MPEP608.01(n)III.

Having corrected the formal matter, applicant respectfully requests allowance of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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